

purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Hall, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Job, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be built; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from M. Simonds to colonel Woolford, respecting money advanced to officers in the Maryland line while in captivity in Charles-town, was laid before the house and read, and referred to Mr. Bayly, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Forrest, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

ORDERED, That Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to enquire into the execution of that part of the act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, &c. as relates to the payment of debts due to British subjects.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to remedy the inconvenience arising to the inhabitants of Cæcil county from the loss of their records, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, January 4, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to embody a number of select militia. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. Coursey, and Mr. Thomas, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: By the COMMITTEE appointed to report on the acts of congress of the third and seventh of February last, respecting the five per cent. duties on all goods imported, and on all prizes and prize goods.

YOUR committee, having considered the acts of congress of the third and seventh of February last, are of opinion, that it is the indispensable duty of the several states to enable congress to discharge the principal and interest due from the United States. Your committee conceive, that if congress are furnished with the means of paying the interest annually on such sums of money as have been borrowed, public credit will be in a great measure restored, and congress may hereafter (if it should be thought necessary) be enabled to borrow considerable supplies, especially when it is known, that the several states have supplied her with ample funds for the payment of the interest at present, and which may in time enable her to pay the principal. Impressed with these ideas, your committee are of opinion, that the resolutions of congress above mentioned ought to be complied with, especially as most of the states, Pennsylvania in particular, have passed acts for that purpose.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the trial and punishment of spies, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

The bill directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication and adultery, was read the second time and committed for amendments.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, January 5, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the trial and punishment of spies was sent to the senate by Mr. Oneale and Mr. Griffith.

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Mr. Burges,